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SUBJ: DRUG DEMAND REDUCTION: GOV DISAPPROVES FUNDS
FOR FEDEX FOUNDATION.

1. BACKGROUND: FUNDACION PARA EDUCACION Y EXTENSION
(FEDEX) WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1971 AS A PRIVATE INSTITUTION.
THE VENEZUELAN CONGRESS IN 1972 APPROVED A SUBSIDY FOR
FEDEX AND IT CONTINUED TO RECEIVE SUPPORT SINCE THAT
TIME. IN CY 1976 IT RECEIVED BS 2 MILLION IN GOVT
SUBSIDY. ITS OBJECTIVES ARE "TO PROVIDE PROGRAMS OF DRUG
EDUCATION, PREVENTION, TREATMENT, AND REHABILITATION."
FEDEX OPERATES THREE CENTERS AS FOLLOWS:

A. CENTRO DE TRATAMIENTO ACELERADO (CETRAC), WHICH
PROVIDES SHORT AND LONG TERM, OUT-PATIENT AND IN-PATIENT
TREATMENT TO DRUG ABUSERS.

B. CENTRO DE TERAPIAS DE GRUPO(CENTEGRUPO), WHICH
HAS THE FOLLOWING OBJECTIVES: 1) TO PROMOTE MENTAL AND
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EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT TO ADOLESCENTS, ADULTS, AND
FAMILIES WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE THERAPEUTIC PROCESS;
2) PREPARATION AND TRAINING OF FUTURE THERAPISTS AND
GROUP LEADERS.

C. CENTRO DE EDUCACION Y EXTENSION (EDEX), WHICH
HAS THE FOLLOWING OBJECTIVES: 1) TO PREPARE AND TRAIN

PERSONNEL TO DEVELOP PROMOTIONAL PROGRAMS OF MENTAL HEALTH RELATED TO DRUG ABUSE AND FOR GOVT AND PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS; 2) ADULT AND FAMILY TRAINING FOR COMMUNITY WORK; 3) DEVELOP PREVENTION PROGRAMS.

2. FEDEX HAD PROGRESSED STEADILY AND IN RECENT MONTHS HAD OPENED SEVERAL CENTERS IN THE INTERIOR OF THE COUNTRY, SOME OF WHICH WERE PATTERNED AFTER THEIR THERAPEUTIC COMMUNITY IN CARACAS, OTHERS AMBULATORY CENTERS. THEY HAD ALSO BEGUN TO EXTEND THEIR TRAINING PROGRAMS OUTSIDE OF CARACAS.

3. LAST WEEK ROBERTA FLEISCHMAN, WHO DIRECTS THE TRAINING AND PREVENTION PROGRAMS FOR FEDEX INFORMED US THAT THE GOVT SUBSIDY HAS BEEN DISAPPROVED FOR CY 1977. AS A RESULT, ACCORDING TO FLEISCHMAN, THEY WILL BE FORCED TO CLOSE ALL THE CENTERS IN THE INTERIOR AND CURTAIL MANY OF THEIR ACTIVITIES IN CARACAS.

4. A KNOWLEDGABLE GOV SOURCE INFORMS US THAT THE GOVT FUNDS WERE DISAPPROVED AFTER AN INVESTIGATION BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH REVEALED THAT FEDEX WAS DIRECTING ITS EFFORTS MOSTLY TOWARD THE PRIVILEGED SECTOR RATHER THAN TOWARD THE LESS PRIVILEGED, I E OF 32 IN-PATIENTS AT CETRAC, ABOUT 28 CAME FROM AFFLUENT FAMILIES, AND SUPPOSEDLY, A LARGE NUMBER OF LESS PRIVILEGED HAD BEEN TURNED DOWN OR REFERRED ELSEWHERE. EDUCATION AND TRAINING WAS LIKEWISE BEING DIRECTED.

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5. TO DATE AT LEAST TWO PRIVATE GROUPS HAVE PRESENTED PROGRAMS THRU THE COMISION CONTRA EL USO INDEBIDO DE DROGAS (CCUID) TO TAKE OVER THOSE PROGRAMS WHICH THE FEDEX WILL BE FORCED TO DISCONTINUE. HOWEVER, IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT ANY OF THESE PROGRAMS CAN GET OFF THE GROUND THIS CALENDAR YEAR. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE CCUID WILL PLAY A DEFINITE ROLE IN THE FORMATION OF ANY TYPE OF NEW INSTITUTION OR PROGRAM FOR DRUG, PREVENTION, TREATMENT, AND REHABILITATION.

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